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Transferring to IU

Transfer Guide

Everything you need to know about transferring to IU Bloomington
Getting Started

You’re ready to take the next step on your educational path—to find a place where you can explore your passions, pursue what you love, and become your best. You’re ready for a school where you can find your calling and never look back. You’re ready for Indiana University Bloomington.

Start your IU journey today at admissions.indiana.edu

#20 public university
Forbes, 2016

#21 top public college
“best buy”
Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2017

17:1 student-faculty ratio
What is a transfer student?

If you’ve completed at least 12 semester hours of college coursework after graduating from high school, you’re eligible to apply to IU Bloomington as a transfer student.

Please note that admission information in this brochure pertains to students who are planning to transfer to IU Bloomington from a college or university that is not in the IU system (i.e., not IUPUI or an IU regional campus). If you are interested in transferring to IU Bloomington from IUPUI or an IU regional campus, please review the information on the Office of Admissions website specifically for intercampus transfers: go.iu.edu/intercampus.

What are the requirements for admission to IU Bloomington?

Transfer applicants are evaluated based on a number of factors. Please see the information below and visit the Admissions website at go.iu.edu/transfer-start for additional information about transfer admission standards.

Cumulative grade point average (GPA)

Indiana residents should have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.3 on a 4.0 scale. Nonresidents should have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Grade trends

We look for students who have maintained a record of strong academic performance or show steady improvement in a challenging academic program.

Because of the competitive nature of the applicant pool, few transfers (Indiana residents or nonresidents) are admitted with a GPA below 2.5.

Transfer Single Articulation Pathways (TSAP)

Transfer Single Articulation Pathways provide an opportunity for students who have earned an associate degree at Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University to complete a bachelor’s degree at IU Bloomington in 60 credit hours. Visit tsap.indiana.edu for more information.
How do I apply?

You have three options for applying to IU Bloomington: the Common Application, Coalition Application, or Apply IU (but you should submit only one application for admission). You’ll also need to submit official transcripts, test scores, the IU-specific essay, and the application fee. Please note that the application fee is non-refundable.

If you’re applying to the IU Jacobs School of Music, you must apply with Apply IU or the Coalition Application. There are also some additional application requirements you’ll need to fulfill, including a prescreening, audition, and interview. Visit the school’s website at music.indiana.edu for more information.

The application process varies depending on how many transferable credits you have:

**I have at least 26 transferable credits.**

- Submit your application (including the IU-specific essay and the non-refundable application fee) at go.iu.edu/transfer-apply.
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended.

**I have fewer than 26 transferable credits.**

- Submit your application (including the IU-specific essay and the non-refundable application fee) at go.iu.edu/transfer-apply.
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended.
- Submit your official high school transcript.
- Have your SAT/ACT scores sent directly from the testing agencies. (If you are at least 21 years old and/or have been out of high school for three years, you do not need to send test scores.)

What are the application deadlines?

- If you’re applying for the fall semester, submit your complete application for admission (including supporting materials) by June 1.
- If you’re applying for the spring semester, submit your complete application for admission (including supporting materials) by November 1.
- If you’re applying for a summer session, submit your complete application for admission (including supporting materials) by March 1.

You’ll receive a decision within four to eight weeks after we receive all your application documents.
What are the general guidelines for transferring credits?

Below are some general guidelines related to transfer credit, but keep in mind that a final determination as to whether your credits will transfer cannot be made until you’ve been admitted to the university.

- Only courses in which you receive a grade of C or higher will transfer. (You may transfer credits to IU, but the grades you earned at your other school[s] will not be counted in your IU GPA.)
- Only coursework completed at a regionally accredited institution will transfer.
- If you attended a junior or community college, we can apply up to two years (60 semester hours) of transfer credit from that school.
- Individual schools and departments at IU determine how transfer credits will apply toward your degree requirements.
- Veterans may earn college credit for educational experiences in the armed services.

Additional information about transferring credit can be found on the Credit Transfer Service (CTS) website at cts.admissions.indiana.edu. If you are an international student or have international credit documents, please visit the CTS website or contact the Office of International Services.

How do I know if a specific course might transfer?

You can use IU Bloomington’s Credit Transfer Service (CTS) to search our transfer credit database and determine whether your credits will transfer to IU. To use CTS, visit cts.admissions.indiana.edu and search by the name of the college or university you are currently attending.

Please note that the CTS database contains more than 30,000 transferable courses from 300+ schools. All Ivy Tech courses that transfer are listed. However, not every course may be listed for other institutions. The database provides the most commonly occurring transferable courses, so if you do not see a course listed, your credits may still transfer to IU.
Do individual schools and colleges have special admission requirements for transfer students?

Before you apply for admission to IU Bloomington as a transfer student, be sure to review the transfer information on your school’s website. Some schools have special requirements or policies for transfer students or other information you need to know before you apply.

It’s also a good idea to review this information so that you are familiar with the specific requirements for gaining admission to your school or college (courses, GPA, etc.). In most cases (but not always), students begin their studies in University Division (IU’s central advising office) to complete the general requirements needed to certify into a degree-granting school or college. You can find more information about University Division at ud.indiana.edu.

IU’s schools and colleges are listed below and on the facing page, along with any special requirements for transfers.

**College of Arts + Sciences**
[college.indiana.edu](http://college.indiana.edu)

Transfer students who are admitted to IU Bloomington and are interested in pursuing a major in the College begin as a University Division student or a student in the College, based on an evaluation of application materials.

**School of Art, Architecture + Design**
[soaad.indiana.edu](http://soaad.indiana.edu)

An admitted transfer student who wishes to pursue a degree in the School of Art, Architecture and Design should contact the academic advisor in his/her intended area of study. Transfer of credit is considered on an individual basis and not automatically guaranteed. Students may also submit a portfolio of completed art or design work to be reviewed by a faculty member and evaluated for course equivalency.

**Kelley School of Business**
[kelley.iu.edu](http://kelley.iu.edu)

Transfer students interested in the Kelley School of Business must be admitted to IU Bloomington and enrolled as a University Division student for at least one semester while taking business courses. Students will apply for admission to Kelley through the standard admission process.

**School of Education**
[education.indiana.edu](http://education.indiana.edu)

General admission requirements for the School of Education and for degree programs are available on the school’s website.

**School of Global and International Studies**
[sgis.indiana.edu](http://sgis.indiana.edu)

Transfer students who are admitted to IU Bloomington and are interested in pursuing a global degree with SGIS begin as either University Division students or as students in one of SGIS’s four departments, based on an evaluation of application materials.
School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering
sice.indiana.edu
Most SICE students begin their studies at IU Bloomington as University Division students. Students who are listed as SICE pre-majors certify into the school once they have satisfied the admission requirements listed on the SICE website.

The Media School
mediaschool.indiana.edu
Transfer students who are admitted to IU Bloomington and are interested in pursuing majors in The Media School begin as University Division students or as students in The Media School, based on an evaluation of application materials. Please check the CTS database for media, journalism, and communications course equivalencies, or email the director of undergraduate studies at mschinfo@indiana.edu.

Jacobs School of Music
music.indiana.edu
Transfer students should review the admission procedures on the Jacobs School of Music website for information about application materials, deadlines, prescreening, and the audition and interview process.

School of Nursing
nursing.indiana.edu/admissions/bsn/traditional/transfer.html
If you are considering transferring to IU Bloomington to apply to the School of Nursing, we strongly recommend that you meet with a School of Nursing advisor prior to applying. Please note that admission to the school is extremely competitive and seats are limited.

School of Public and Environmental Affairs
spea.indiana.edu
Most transfer students who are admitted to IU Bloomington can enroll in SPEA courses during their first semester on campus and apply to the school once they’ve met the admission criteria listed on the website.

School of Public Health
publichealth.indiana.edu
Transfer students begin their studies in University Division and must meet specific criteria for admission to their major programs. Specific entrance requirements for each major/program are available on the school’s website.

School of Social Work
socialwork.indiana.edu
Students transferring to IU Bloomington enrich the School of Social Work. Contact iubssw@indiana.edu for advising as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. Requirements for program admission can be found on the school’s website.
If you are admitted, you will be able to access your detailed Transfer Credit Report approximately two to three weeks after admission. This report will list all courses taken at other institutions, indicate whether each course will transfer, and note the equivalent course at IU Bloomington for which you’ll receive credit.

To view your Transfer Credit Report:

Log in to One.IU at one.iu.edu.

Enter “transfer credits” into the search box at the top and select the “Transfer Credits” app box.

Log in using your IU username and passphrase to see how your coursework from another college or university transferred to IU.

If you have general questions about transferring credits, please visit the Credit Transfer Service site at cts.admissions.indiana.edu or contact the Office of Admissions at (812) 855-0661 or iuadmit@indiana.edu. If you have questions about a specific course equivalency or how your credits may count toward an IU degree, please contact the school or college in which you plan to enroll.

**How do credits count toward my major and degree?**

When credits are accepted for transfer to IU Bloomington, there are several ways that they may count in relation to specific major and degree requirements. Courses may transfer to IU as:

**Distributed credit:** You receive credit for a specific IU Bloomington course. Distributed credits may fulfill General Education (GenEd) credits and/or major requirements.

**Undistributed credit:** Even if IU Bloomington does not offer a course equivalent to the one you took at another institution, we may be able to grant you credits in the corresponding IU department. These are called “undistributed” (UNDI) credits because the credits do not count as specific courses, but they do count toward the number of credits you need to graduate.

All degree-seeking students at IU Bloomington are required to complete the campuswide General Education (GenEd) program prior to graduating with a bachelor’s degree. You can see a list of all IU courses that count toward the GenEd requirement at bulletins.iu.edu/iub.

GenEd courses are ideal to take before transferring. To determine which courses at your current institution are equivalents of IU GenEd courses, use the Credit Transfer Service website at cts.admissions.indiana.edu.

In addition to GenEd requirements, students must complete all required courses for their degree programs in order to graduate with a bachelor’s degree. Each school publishes a bulletin that lists these requirements—you can find the most up-to-date bulletin for your school at bulletins.iu.edu/iub.
I’ve been admitted and plan to attend IU Bloomington. How do I enroll?

If you’ve been admitted to IU Bloomington, there are a number of things you need to do to become a Hoosier—follow the steps listed here to make sure you’ve got everything covered. You can find additional information about each step at admissions.indiana.edu/enroll.

- Set up your IU computing and email accounts by going to one.iu.edu and searching for and selecting “Create My First IU Account.”

- Declare your intent to enroll (fall and spring students only)—or you won’t be able to register for classes: intenttoenroll.indiana.edu

- Register for New Student Orientation: fye.indiana.edu

- Apply for housing (if applicable): rps.indiana.edu

- Send your final college transcript to the Office of Admissions (students enrolled in classes at time of admission): admissions.indiana.edu/contact

- Review costs and fees: studentcentral.indiana.edu

- Apply for financial aid: studentcentral.indiana.edu

- Grant third-party access for billing to parents or guardians (if applicable): studentcentral.indiana.edu/personal-information/give-access.html

- Set up your MyHealth Patient Portal: healthcenter.indiana.edu/myhealth

- Submit your immunizations form: studentcentral.indiana.edu/personal-information/immunizations.html
What services are available for transfer students?

We know you have questions about what it’s like to be a student at IU Bloomington. We’ve put together a list of resources where you can find answers to your questions and get more information about life on campus. And don’t forget to visit admissions.indiana.edu/life to learn about student involvement, campus traditions, and more.
Housing
rps.indiana.edu

As a transfer student, you have several choices for housing at IU Bloomington, from traditional residence hall experiences to apartment options. Eligibility is dependent on factors that include age, credit hours completed, and previously met residency requirements. A meal plan may be required or optional, depending on your housing selection.

Transportation and Parking
parking.indiana.edu

While all students can have cars on campus, both the Campus Bus and the Bloomington Transit bus service are free with an IU ID. IU also offers safety escort services and a Motorist Assistance Program.

Shuttle Service
admissions.indiana.edu/visit/maps-directions-parking.html

GO Express Travel shuttle service runs between the Indianapolis International Airport and Bloomington. The shuttles operate throughout the day and pick up at a variety of locations on campus.

Health Services
healthcenter.indiana.edu

The Indiana University Health Center is centrally located on the IU Bloomington campus. The center is equipped with a medical clinic, lab and X-ray facility, women’s clinic, pharmacy, and mental health and wellness center. The Office of Counseling and Psychological Services is available within the IU Health Center to provide mental health services for students and workshops on topics such as stress management.

Career Services
cdc.indiana.edu

The Career Development Center helps students choose the best career path for them, beginning in their first year on campus.

From there, students can take advantage of the specialized career centers based in the schools and colleges.

Health Professions and Prelaw Center
hpplc.indiana.edu

The Health Professions and Prelaw Center works to assist students interested in pursuing careers in the medical or legal fields.

Academic Support Centers
academicsupport.indiana.edu

The Academic Support Centers provide tutoring, academic advising, and workshops to ensure students have the tools for academic success on campus.

Disability Services
studentaffairs.indiana.edu/disability-services-students

The Office of Disability Services for Students (DSS) specializes in helping students with various disabilities, including physical, psychological, learning, neurological, medical, vision, hearing, and temporary impairments, to achieve their goals. DSS is centrally located at the Herman B Wells Library.

Child Care
childcare.indiana.edu

The Office of Campus Child Care Support coordinates five different child care centers that provide quality child care and education for children of IU faculty, staff, and students. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Veterans Support Services
studentaffairs.indiana.edu/veterans-support-services

Veterans Support Services helps students use their Veteran Education Benefits and successfully transition from the military to campus life.
Connect with Admissions

Interested in finishing your degree at IU Bloomington? Take the next step and connect with us—we’re here to answer your questions and help you make a successful transition to IU.

Join our mailing list

Sign up for our mailing list to receive important information about applying and enrolling, reminders about deadlines, and more.

go.iu.edu/transfer-list

Explore our website

Learn more about our 200+ majors, see how IU can prepare you for an amazing career after graduation, and check out what life is like on campus.

admissions.indiana.edu

Plan a visit or take a virtual tour

Schedule a campus tour or meeting with an admissions representative, or take a virtual tour any time.

admissions.indiana.edu/visit